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For: (Currently Amended) DEVICE FOR
REMOVING WATER DROPS
FROM AN UMBRELLA AND FOUNDATION
PROMOTION SYSTEM OF THE DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application
as follows: